## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

## Replacement Claim Set:

- 1. (Currently amended) A pigment dispersion liquid comprising a pigment derivative having a polar group and pigment particles dispersed in a dispersion medium, wherein the pigment particles are precipitated, wherein the difference ( $D_{90}$   $D_{10}$ ) between  $D_{90}$  and  $D_{10}$  being not more than 25 nm, and wherein  $D_{90}$  and  $D_{10}$  represent the primary particle size that the pigment particles having a primary particle size up to and including  $D_{90}$  account for 90% by number of the total pigment particles, and the particle size that the pigment particles having a primary particle size up to and including  $D_{10}$  account for 10% by number of the total pigment particles, respectively, in the integral of the primary particle size distribution function  $dG = f(D) \times dD$  of the pigment particles in which G is a particle number (%) and D is a primary particle size (nm).
- 2. (original) The pigment dispersion liquid of claim 1, wherein the average primary particle size of the pigment particles is not more than 30 nm.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The pigment dispersion liquid of claim 1, further comprising a water soluble polymer or a surfactant.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The pigment dispersion liquid of claim 3, wherein the water soluble polymer is adsorbed on the surface of the pigment particles.
- 5. (original) The pigment dispersion liquid of claim 4, wherein the water soluble polymer has an anionic polar group.
- 6. (original) The pigment dispersion liquid of claim 1, wherein a surfactant is adsorbed on the surface of the pigment particles.

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- 7. (canceled).
- 8. (original) The pigment dispersion liquid of claim 1, wherein the dispersion medium is an aqueous medium containing water in an amount of at least 50% by weight.
- 9-33. (withdrawn)
- 34. (Previously Presented) The pigment dispersion liquid of claim 1, wherein the polar group is selected from the group consisting of a sulfonic acid group, a carboxyl group, a phosphate group, a borate group, a hydroxy group, and a group in the form of a salt thereof.